





PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68269

Hidetoshi YOKOTA, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2855

Appln. No.: 10/049,509

Examiner: Eric S. MCCALL

Confirmation No.: 4003

Filed: June 7, 2002

For: VEHICLE RUNNING STATE ESTIMATION METHOD AND APPARATUS, VEHICLE

CONTROL APPARATUS AND TIRE WHEEL

RESPONSE

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement entered by the Examiner on June 25, 2003, Applicants wish to elect Group I, claims 1-18 and 25-39, drawn to a method and apparatus for estimating a road surface condition.

The present election is made without traverse, subject to Applicants' right to file one or more divisional applications at an appropriate time.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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